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SUBJECT: CHURCH WORLD SERVICE OPG - KORI BANK PROTECTION
PROGRAM

1. FOLLOWING TILESTON'S RECOMMENDATIONS, ADO/NIAMEY SEARCH-
ING SOURCE OF FUNDS FOR MODEST EXPERIMENTAL BANK PROTECTION
PROGRAM IN AIR MOUNTAINS. BASIC CONCEPT OF ACTIVITY WILL BE
TO USE VEGETATIVE COVER AND ROCK WORK TO PROTECT KORI BANK
GARDENS AND DATE PALM GROVES FROM SEASONAL EROSION. PROJECT
WILL EMPHASIS USE OF VEGETATIVE COVER AS MEANS CONTROLLING
EROSION BUT SOME ROCK SUPPORT WILL BE NECESSARY IN CERTAIN
AREAS TO PERMIT VEGETATIVE COVER TO BECOME PROPERLY ROOTED.
THE ZONE FOR ACTIVITY HAS BEEN LIMITED TO SUITABLE AREAS ON
MAIN TELOUES KORI.

2. EXPERIMENTAL PHASE WHICH WILL PRIMARILY TEST CONSTRUCTION ALTERNAT
IVES POSSIBLE FOR ROCK SUPPORT WORK SHOULD BEGIN

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IMMEDIATELY AFTER END OF THE COMING RAINY SEASON. EXPERIMENTAL
PHASE PROBABLY WILL BE FOLLOWED BY OPG WITH CHURCH WORLD

SERVICE. ONE CRITICAL ELEMENT IN PROGRAM DESIGN IS THAT CWB
PLANS TERMINATE THEIR ACTIVITY IN AGADES DEPARTMENT AND CY 1979.

3. IN ORDER TO PROCEED WITH THE EXPERIMENTAL PHASE, THE ADO

HAS DEFINED SEVERAL CRITICAL AREAS WHERE WE NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

A. DETAILED MAPPING OF KORI TO SHOW EXISTING WATER COURSE AND CHANNELS, EXISTING BANK FORMATIONS AND AREAS WHERE EROSION IS CRITICAL. GENIE RURAL/AGADES HAS BEEN ASKED TO DEVELOP SUCH A MAP AND FIELD WORK FOR MAP SHOULD BE COMPLETED BEFORE START COMING RAINY SEASON.

B. IT WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS TO GET ENLARGEMENTS OF 1964-65 IGN AERIAL PHOTOS TO COMPARE WITH GR MAP. THIS WOULD INDICATE EXTENT OF EROSION OVER TEN-YEAR PERIOD. ESTIMATE COSTS ENLARGEMENTS DOLS 800.

C. SURVEY OF ROCK TYPES FOUND IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF KORI AND PRACTICABILITY OF USE IN BANK PROTECTING STRUCTURES. CWS PROJECT STAFF IS CONDUCTING SURVEY.

D. FEEL IT IMPERATIVE TO KNOW ESTIMATED VOLUME AND ELGNITY OF WATER FLOWING IN KORI. LOCAL ORSTOM OFFICE HAS LARGE EXPERIENCE IN MEASURING SEASONAL RUN-OFF IN AIR REGION. ORSTOM/NIGER WILLING TO INCLUDE TELOUES KORI IN RESEARCH PLANS FOR THIS RAINY SEASON FOR APPROXIMATELY COST OF DOLS EIGHT THOUSAND.

4. PURPOSE OF THIS CABLE IS REQUEST WHETHER REDSO WILLING FINANCE DOLS 8,000 ORSTOM HYDROLOGY STUDY OF TELOUES KORI IN 1977 RAINY SEASON AND ENLARGEMENT OF 1964-65 IGN AERIAL PHOTOS. PLEASE RESPOND IMMEDIATELY AS ORSTOM FIELDING UNCLASSIFIED

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